



## **Agreement**

### **Between**

## **The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Government of the Republic of Belarus on Establishment of a Joint Committee on Trade and Economic Cooperation**

The government of the republic of Belarus and The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting parties",

Desiring to create favorable conditions for the development of trade and economic ties on a stable, equitable and mutually beneficial basis and to strengthen long-term bilateral trade and economic relations,

Convinced that the conclusion of the Agreement will establish compatible basis for further cooperation,

Within the current framework of the respective legislations in force in the two countries and in conformity with the principles of international law, have agreed as follows:

### **ARTICLE 1**

The Contracting Parties shall establish a Joint Belarus-Afghanistan Committee on Trade and Economic cooperation hereinafter referred as "the Joint Committee",

### **ARTICLE 2**

Main functions of the Joint Committee shall comprise the following:

1. Coordination of the cooperation between the countries of the Contracting Parties in the field of trade and economic relations;
2. Monitoring of the implementation of international agreements in the field of trade and economic cooperation between the Republic of Belarus and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan as well as other bilateral agreements and decisions made during the meeting of the Joint Committee;
3. Considering ways of the further enhancement of trade and economic relations between the Contracting Parties;



4. Facilitating the information exchange concerning mutual trade and economic cooperation;
5. Analysis of the process of the implementation of the main purposes and principles of trade and economic cooperation between the countries of the Contracting Parties;
6. Support to legal entities concerned for the purpose of strengthening relations in the field of trade and economic ties;

### ARTICLE 3

The Joint Committee consists of the Belarusian and the Afghanistan Parts, which shall be set up on a parity basis. Each Contracting Party shall appoint its Chairman, deputies and other members of the Joint Committee. The Contracting parties shall be represented by senior officials delegated by them for this purpose.

The Joint Committee, if needed will establish permanent or temporary subcommittees and working groups to fulfill some specific tasks in its framework.

The Contracting Parties may invite experts as well as other persons concerned to participate in the meetings by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties.

### ARTICLE 4

The Joint Committee shall hold a meeting once a year in Minsk and Kabul alternately.

Extra meeting may be held by consent of the two Contracting Parties to decide urgent issues.

### ARTICLE 5

The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall agree on the draft agenda of the meetings at least one (1) month prior to the date of the meeting.

The issues which are by mutual consent of the Chairmen of the Joint Committee placed on the agenda in the beginning of the meeting may be discussed during the meeting.

The decisions of the Joint Committee shall be reflected in a protocol which shall be signed by the Chairmen of the Joint Committee.

The decisions of the Joint Committee shall be made on consensual basis and come into effect from the date of signature of protocol of the meeting of the Joint Committee.

### ARTICLE 6

Cooperation of the Contracting Parties under this Agreement is without prejudice to their international obligations arising from other international agreements to which they are parties.



#### ARTICLE 7

All differences between the Contracting Parties arising from the application or interpretation of this Agreement shall be settled by negotiations.

#### ARTICLE 8

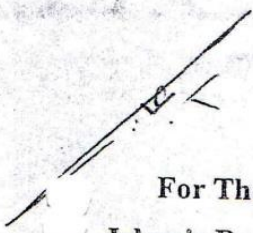
In case of necessity, this Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties. Such amendments shall be reflected in a protocol which enters into force in accordance with the procedure stipulated by this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 9

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the last written notification by which one Contracting Party notifies the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels that all legal requirements are completed in their countries.


This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and shall be extended for successive periods of five (5) years, unless one of the Contracting Parties notifies in writing the other Contracting Party of its intention to terminate the Agreement at least six (6) months prior to the expiration of the relevant period.

"Done in duplicate at Minsk city on 16/08/2017 in the Dari, Russian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail."



For The Government of the  
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